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SENATE FILE 451
BY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

(SUCCESSOR TO SF 247)

(As Amended and Passed by the Senate March 10, 2011)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the allowable uses for modified allowable
2 growth for programs for returning dropouts and dropout
3 prevention.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 257.31, subsection 5, unnumbered
2 paragraph 1, Code 2011, is amended to read as follows:
3 If a district has unusual circumstances, creating an unusual
4 need for additional funds, including but not limited to the
5 circumstances enumerated in paragraphs "a" through "o",
6 the committee may grant supplemental aid to the district from
7 any funds appropriated to the department of education for the
8 use of the school budget review committee for the purposes of
9 this subsection. The school budget review committee shall
10 review a school district's unexpended fund balance prior to
11 any decision regarding unusual finance circumstances. Such
12 aid shall be miscellaneous income and shall not be included in
13 district cost. In addition to or as an alternative to granting
14 supplemental aid the committee may establish a modified
15 allowable growth for the district by increasing its allowable
16 growth. The school budget review committee shall review a
17 school district's unspent balance prior to any decision to
18 increase modified allowable growth under this subsection.
19 Sec. 2. Section 257.31, subsection 5, Code 2011, is amended
20 by adding the following new paragraph:
21 NEW PARAGRAPH. o. Unusual need for additional funds for
22 returning dropout and dropout prevention programming pursuant
23 to section 257.41, subsection 1.
24 Sec. 3. Section 257.41, Code 2011, is amended to read as
25 follows:
26 **257.41 Funding for programs for returning dropouts and**
27 **dropout prevention.**
28 1. Budget. a. The budget of an approved program for
29 returning dropouts and dropout prevention for a school
30 district, after subtracting funds received from other sources
31 for that purpose, shall be funded annually on a basis of
32 one-fourth or more from the district cost of the school
33 district and up to three-fourths by an increase in allowable
34 growth as defined in section 257.8. Annually, the department
35 of management shall establish a modified allowable growth for

1 each such school district equal to the difference between the
2 approved budget for the program for returning dropouts and
3 dropout prevention for that district and the sum of the amount
4 funded from the district cost of the school district plus funds
5 received from other sources.

6 b. If the board of directors of a school district determines
7 that funding provided under paragraph "a" is insufficient to
8 meet the returning dropout and dropout prevention programming
9 needs of the school district, the board may submit a request
10 for additional modified allowable growth to the school budget
11 review committee under section 257.31, subsection 5, paragraph
12 "o".

13 2. *Appropriate uses of funding.* Appropriate uses of the
14 returning dropout and dropout prevention program funding
15 include but are not limited to the following:

16 a. Salary and benefits for instructional staff,
17 instructional support staff, and school-based youth services
18 staff who are working with students who are participating
19 in dropout prevention programs, alternative programs, and
20 alternative schools if the staff person's time is dedicated to
21 working with returning dropouts or students who are deemed, at
22 any time during the school year, to be at risk of dropping out,
23 in order to provide services beyond those which are provided
24 by the school district to students who are not identified as
25 at risk of dropping out. However, if the staff person works
26 part-time with students who are participating in returning
27 dropout and dropout prevention programs, alternative programs,
28 and alternative schools and has another unrelated staff
29 assignment, only the portion of the staff person's time that
30 is related to the returning dropout and dropout prevention
31 program, alternative program, or alternative school may be
32 charged to the program.

33 b. Professional development for all teachers and staff
34 working with at-risk students and programs involving dropout
35 prevention strategies.

1 c. Research-based resources, materials, software, supplies,
2 and purchased services that meet all of the following criteria:
3 (1) Meet the needs of kindergarten through grade twelve
4 students identified as at risk of dropping out and of returning
5 dropouts.
6 (2) Are beyond those provided by the regular school program.
7 (3) Are necessary to provide the services listed in the
8 school district's dropout prevention plan.
9 (4) Will remain with the kindergarten through grade twelve
10 returning dropout and dropout prevention program.
11 d. Up to five percent of the total budgeted amount received
12 pursuant to subsection 1, paragraph "a", may be used for
13 purposes of providing district-wide or building-wide returning
14 dropout and dropout prevention programming targeted to students
15 who are not deemed at risk of dropping out.